IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 11, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The toner container 20 has a bag-in-box type of configuration made up of a box or protection case 21 and a flexible, deformable bag or sack 22 removably received in the box 21. The box 21 is formed of paper, corrugated cardboard, resin or similar relatively rigid material and has a space capable of accommodating the bag 22 without any substantial clearance. The ~~bag~~ box 21 not only protects the flexible bag 22, which stores toner, but also promotes easy handling and neat storage of the toner container 20.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 25, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In operation, compressed air delivered from the air pump 30 jets into the toner container 20 via the tube 31 and the air passage 53 of the nozzle 51. The resulting ~~steam~~ stream of air flows through the toner layer in the bag 22 while scattering it, thereby fluidizing the toner. At the same time, pressure inside the bag 22 rises with the result that a pressure difference occurs between the toner container 20 and the developing device 10 (atmospheric pressure), causing the fluidized toner to flow toward the developing device 10. In this manner, the toner is replenished from the toner container 20 to the developing device 10 via the tube 17. When the air pump 30 stops delivering compressed air, the valve 32 in the tube 31 is closed to prevent the nozzle from reversely flowing from the passage 53 to the air pump 30 via the nozzle 51.